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**Re: U.S. Patent Application No. TO BE ASSIGNED
Title: IDENTIFICATION OF SORTASE GENE
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Our Reference No.: 39750-0791A**

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In re application of:) Examiner: Navarro, Albert Mark
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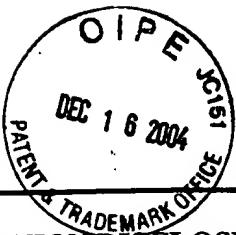
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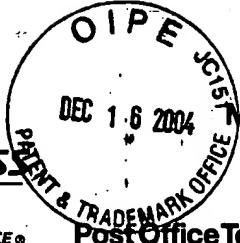
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